

The restriction mailed June 30, 2005 (the "Office Action"), alleged that the captioned application contains the following inventions, referred to herein as Inventions I-II.

- I. Claims 1-5 and 13-24, drawn to method for heating, classified in class 432, subclass 1.
- II. Claims 6-12, drawn to module in a fuel processor, classified in class 48, subclass 127.9.

Election With Traverse

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-5 and 13-24, identified by the Office as Invention I, for examination in the captioned application. Applicants' election is made with traverse for the reasons that follow.

Inventions I and II

It is noted by the Office that Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together, but that such subcombinations are distinct from each other because they are separately usable. Specifically, it is alleged that Invention II has separate utility such as the production of hydrogen. Applicants would respectfully point out that Invention I as defined by the Office is directed to methods for heating a catalyst bed and that the catalyst bed can include among other catalysts, autothermal reforming catalysts, partial oxidation catalysts and steam reforming catalysts as recited in claim 5. As such, the production of hydrogen would not appear to be a utility that is separate or absent from the Invention of claims 1-5 and 13-24. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this restriction requirement.

This is believed to be a full and complete response to the Restriction mailed June 30, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and any other outstanding objections and rejections and

that they be withdrawn. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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